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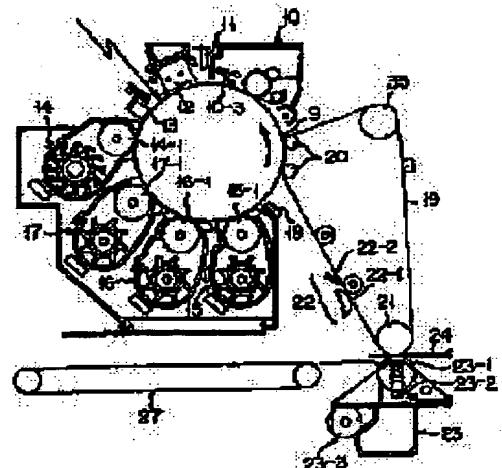
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(54) IMAGE FORMING METHOD USING INTERMEDIATE TRANSFER SYSTEM

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To prevent partial transfer failure (void) which occurs during transfer and image-reproducibility failure due to toner dust by keeping amounts of developer electrification high in order where developing toners in separate colors are developed onto an image carrier, and setting the absolute values of the amounts of developer electrification to specific ranges. **SOLUTION:** Developing units 14-17 scoop up developers together with developing sleeves 14-1-17-1 rotating in such a manner that the developers face the photoreceptor 9 in order to develop an electrostatic latent image, and each of them is composed of a developing paddle rotating for stirring, a developer-toner concentration detection sensor, etc. In the image forming method using the intermediate transfer system, the amounts of developer electrification are made high in order of developing at least the black, cyan, magenta, yellow toners onto the image carrier 9, and the absolute values of the amounts of electrification are set to 10-30 μ C/g. Thus, a satisfactory transfer characteristic can be obtained, and development having void and transfer dust can be prevented.



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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] Repeat a production process which imprints a toner image on image support primarily on an endless-like middle imprint object two or more times, pile it up, and a transfer picture is formed. In an image formation method using a middle imprint method which bundles up a heavy transfer picture on this middle imprint object, and was secondarily imprinted on imprint material. An image formation method characterized by holding highly the amount of electrifications of a developer which uses at least a toner which consists of black, cyanogen, a Magenta, and a yellow color for order which carries out sequential development on image support, and making an absolute value of the amount of electrifications of a developer used into 10-30 microc/g.

[Claim 2] An image formation method according to claim 1 which said toner used contains a hydrophobic silica at least, and is characterized by whenever [condensation] being 5 - 25%.

[Claim 3] An image formation method using a middle imprint method according to claim 1 characterized by for whenever [said toner coloring / which is used / of each /-] being 2.2-2.8, and volume mean particle diameter of this toner being 4-9 micrometers.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[The technical field to which invention belongs] This invention makes middle imprint objects, such as a middle imprint belt, intervene, and relates in detail to the image-formation method and the image-formation equipment which perform image formation through each imprint production process of the primary imprint which imprints a toner image from image support to a middle imprint object, and the secondary imprint which imprints the primary transfer picture on a middle imprint object to imprint material about the image-formation method and the image-formation equipment which used electrophotography methods, such as a copying machine, a printer, and facsimile.

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] The image formation method of a middle imprint method and the equipment which pile up two or more visible color development images by which sequential formation is carried out on image support, for example, a photo conductor, one by one on the middle imprint object it runs in the shape of endless, for example, a middle imprint belt, imprint the first [in all] order, and imprint the primary transfer picture on this middle imprint object secondarily collectively to imprint material are known. The middle imprint method is especially adopted as a heavy imprint method of each color toner image in the so-called full color image formation equipment reproduced using the subtractive color mixture according the manuscript image whose color was separated to toners, such as Black, cyanogen, a Magenta, and yellow.

[0003] In such the image formation method and equipment, it originates in the local imprint omission at the time of the primary imprint of the toner which constitutes a color development image, and a secondary imprint, and a toner is not locally imprinted at all in the image on the imprint material by the transfer paper which is final image data medium, but the so-called worm-eaten portion may be produced. The example of such a worm-eaten image is shown in drawing 1. in the case of an area image, a sign (w) shows a worm-eaten image at drawing 1 — as — a certain area — with — **** — it generates by becoming an imprint omission, and also, in the case of the Rhine image, generates by producing an imprint omission so that Rhine may break off. In order to lose this abnormality image, technology which is expressed below is proposed as technology for it that what is necessary is to be making it an imprint omission not occur, that is, just to raise imprint nature.

[0004] The existing technology for raising imprint nature can be classified into the following five.

(1) By using an elastomer for the technical a. middle imprint object about surface roughness reduction of a middle imprint object, and specifying the surface roughness of a middle imprint object What the adhesion of a middle imprint object and imprint material is raised, and aims at improvement and worm-eaten-like image generating prevention for imprint nature (JP,3-242667,A), And the surface roughness of b. middle imprint object is specified, and there are some (JP,63-194272,A, JP,4-303869,A, JP,4-303872,A, JP,5-193020,A) which aim at worm-eaten-like image generating prevention on an imprint disposition.

[0005] The conventional technology which belongs under the category of these (1) can say that it is accompanied by discharge development about the toner imprint which comes out between

the image support in a primary imprint production process, the middle imprint object between middle imprint objects and in a secondary imprint production process, and imprint material. Here, supposing a middle imprint body surface is the surface roughness of the shape of extreme irregularity, the imprint electric field over the toner on heights and a crevice will turn into heights imprint electric-field > crevice imprint electric field, and heights imprint electric field will become large relatively.

[0006] The reason can be explained as follows. Namely, when the electrode (I) which has the flat surface, and the electrode (II) which has the serrate surface which meets this electrode (I) through a minute air gap (Gp) are assumed with reference to drawing 2, The toner imprint electric field between image support, between middle imprint objects and a middle imprint object, and the transfer media between imprint material etc. As air gap electric field between these transfer media, they are primary imprint electric field... Air gap electric-field secondary imprint electric field between image support / middle imprint object ... The air gap electric field between a middle imprint object / imprint material can explain.

[0007] In drawing 2, when heights are set to (II-1), the crevice was set to (II-2) and imprint bias voltage is impressed to an electrode (I) and an electrode (II), as compared with the crevice (II-2) from which are separated of a distance inter-electrode [these], discharge concentrates on heights (II-1) with a short distance. That is, it becomes heights air gap electric-field > crevice air gap electric field. For the same reason, the air gap electric field of heights when the surface roughness of a middle imprint object is large, and a crevice turn into heights imprint electric-field > crevice imprint electric field.

[0008] Since it is such and is located in electric field with the larger toner in heights as compared with the toner in a crevice when it considers that the toner configuration of heights and crevice both is the same, it becomes that it is easy to imprint in response to the big electrostatic force. That is, as compared with heights, it can be said that a crevice is hard to imprint. Moreover, since the adhesion force to the middle imprint object of the toner located in DETCHI of a crevice etc. is larger than the adhesion force to the middle imprint object of the toner located in the edge of heights etc., it can be said that a crevice is hard to imprint.

[0009] That is, a touch area becomes [the direction of the **** crevice contact shown in drawing 3 (c) and drawing 3 (d) compared with the **** heights contact shown in the **** plane contact which showed the effective adhesion side of a toner to drawing 3 (a) supposing Men who performed / one grain of toner / hatching for the contact surface with the sign (T) in **** in drawing 3 showed, respectively, and drawing 3 (b), respectively] large. When the mutual material which contacts is the same system, since van der waals force works to vicinal faces (= adhesion side), the size of an effective adhesion side serves as size of adhesion force, and homonymy. Therefore, it becomes crevice adhesion force > heights adhesion force.

[0010] It can be said that the roughness of a middle imprint body surface is good for granularity to make it little orientation from the above thing to the level from which the difference in the imprint nature by surface irregularity does not pose a parenchyma top problem. Although this is also being able to say a photo conductor, it is common knowledge for the surface roughness of a photo conductor to go back to the drum using Se photo conductor in ancient times, and to control the surface roughness to constant value in consideration of imprint nature about this photo conductor. Therefore, it is meaningful for generating prevention of a worm-eaten-like image to adjust the roughness of a middle imprint body surface to the level from which the difference in the imprint nature by irregularity does not pose a parenchyma top problem.

[0011] However, there is a limit in reduction-ization of the surface roughness of a middle imprint object, and surface irregularity is not only the irregularity of an always fixed configuration as shown in drawing 2. It is not that to which field strength only becomes settled with the distance between crevice-heights in the case of the irregularity from which a configuration differs, either. For example, the difference in the charge degree of concentration by the difference in the size of the width of face even if heights are the same height, For example, it changes also with differences in whether it is the thing of an obtuse angle which has the top area which does not have so much whether the tip of heights is the thing of the sharp acute angle which a charge tends to concentrate, and concentration of a charge, and a problem imprint object mutual

[actual / each] is not so simple.

[0012] (2) The linear velocity between the technical transfer media about a setup of the linear-velocity difference between transfer media is specified, and what aims at worm-eaten abnormality image generating prevention (JP,2-213882,A) is mentioned on an imprint disposition.

[0013] The primary imprint which is an imprint between a photo conductor and a middle imprint object is made into an example, and this conventional technology of (2) is explained. When the linear velocity of a photo conductor and a middle imprint object is equal, the electric force must be made to act so that a toner may be shifted to a middle imprint object side only in imprint electric field to the adhesion force which works between a photo conductor and a toner. (however, when establishing a linear-velocity difference between a photo conductor and a middle imprint object (i.e., when a fixed linear-velocity difference is among both), and when) The both sides of the mechanical force which originates in the speed difference of a photo conductor and a middle imprint object to a toner on the occasion of an imprint, and the electric force by imprint electric field can be made to act. Therefore, if the latter on which the both sides of the mechanical force and the force by imprint electric field can be made to act can say that it excels in imprint nature and it considers a worm-eaten-like image to be a phenomenon by microscopic imprint nature lack It can say that it is more advantageous to the dissolution of a worm-eaten abnormality image to establish a linear-velocity difference between transfer media. (between a photo conductor and a middle imprint object). However, in establishing a linear-velocity difference between transfer media, shearing force is given to a toner image according to the linear-velocity difference, distortion of an image is produced, and it becomes a victory.

[0014] (3) The technical imprint nip pressure about reduction of imprint nip pressure is specified, and what aims at worm-eaten-like image generating prevention (JP,1-177063,A, JP,4-284479,A) is mentioned on an imprint disposition. The primary imprint which is an imprint between a photo conductor and a middle imprint object is made into an example, and such conventional technology of (3) is explained. It is pressed by that a photo conductor and a middle imprint object are mechanical or electrostatic force on the occasion of the primary imprint (imprint nip pressure). That is, the toner which intervenes among both will be pressed. With contiguity of the between [toner particles] distance by this press, the Juan Dell Wace force increases and the attraction between the toner particle components by condensation of a toner also increases. It can be told from a viewpoint of these reasons to imprint nature that it is desirable to make imprint nip pressure low to the dissolution of a worm-eaten-like image.

[0015] However, both transfer media are stuck more, and if things are advantageous because of maintenance of the exact imprint physical relationship of a toner and carry out mutual distance from this viewpoint small smoothly, there is a limit in reduction-ization of imprint nip pressure.

[0016] (4) The wettability of the technical a. middle imprint object material about reduction of the surface energy of a middle imprint object is specified to smallness, and what aims at worm-eaten-like image generating prevention (JP,2-198476,A, JP,2-212867,A) is mentioned on an imprint disposition. Here, wettability means the adhesion force between a liquid and a solid-state. Adhesion force is $W=\gamma A (1+\cos\theta)$, when W shows the adhesion force which is the energy taken to pull apart material of a different kind, therefore sets the contact angle when placing a liquid for the surface tension of a liquid on γA and a solid-state to θ , and acts between these liquids and a solid-state... (1)

It can come out and express. It can ask for the surface tension (= critical surface tension) of the material which becomes X by the following methods. That is, the reagent with which surface tension (γA) differs is dropped on Material X , a contact angle ($\cos\theta$) is measured, and the surface tension (γA) of a reagent and the relation of each contact angle ($\cos\theta$) are plotted the appropriate back. It asks for the surface tension (γ) of the point that connect so-called each point of a JISUMAN plot, and that production crosses the line of $\cos\theta=1$ concerning this plot. This called-for surface tension is called critical surface tension (= surface tension).

[0017] Here, since it is I. reagent regularity supposing it measured the same reagent of arbitration and measures wettability (W) of various materials with water, surface tension γA in (1) type becomes fixed.

RO., therefore wettability (W) and a contact angle (costheta) become proportionality. It can be said from above-mentioned I and RO that measuring wettability (W) of various materials with the same reagent is searching for the contact angle (costheta) with the same surface tension (gammaA). On the other hand, in many cases, a JISUMAN plot serves as a straight line, and the inclination does not change extremely with materials. As mentioned above, the wettability comparison of a material with the same reagent, for example, water, can say it also as the surface tension comparison of a material.

[0018] Although it is going to prevent generating of a worm-eaten image with technology said JP,2-198476,A and given in JP,2-212867,A using a wettability small middle imprint material, in other words, this can be called what has prevented generating of a worm-eaten image using the small middle imprint material of surface energy.

[0019] b. Further, a middle imprint object is considered as a multilayer configuration, the thing (JP,62-293270,A, JP,5-204255,A, JP,5-204257,A, JP,5-303293,A) which aims at worm-eaten-like image generating prevention on an imprint disposition, and the material which was excellent in the mold-release characteristic in c. middle imprint body surface are supplied by making the material excellent in the mold-release characteristic into the maximum surface, and what aims at worm-eaten-like image generating prevention (JP,58-187968,A) can be classified into the technology of the above (4) on an imprint disposition. With the technology of the above (4), the surface tension of a middle imprint object was stopped low, the mold-release characteristic over a toner was raised, and the imprint nature to imprint material is improved. It is a well-known fact that the adhesion force between dissimilar material is expressed as a function of surface tension, and the adhesion force of a toner to a middle imprint object increases with the increment in surface tension. Here, in the case of a pure substance, surface tension is synonymous with surface energy. Moreover, as well as wettability if it generally is not a pure substance, surface tension is treated as a substitution property of surface energy.

[0020] In the technology of the above (4), each adhesion force of a toner, image support and a toner, a middle imprint object and a toner, and imprint material is force synthesizing all physical force that acts, such as electrostatic force of each part material, and van der waals force. And although reduction-izing of the surface energy in a middle imprint object is convenient in a secondary imprint so that I may be understood from said explanation, in a primary imprint, it not necessarily always does not necessarily act advantageously.

[0021] (5) The technical middle imprint body surface about removal of the toner filming layer of a middle imprint body surface is refreshed by filming polishing etc., imprint nature is maintained, and the things (JP,5-273893,A, JP,5-307344,A, JP,5-313526,A, JP,5-323802,A, etc.) which aim at prevention of worm-eaten-like image generating by the passage of time are mentioned.

[0022] The above mentioned (1) Among the technology of - (4), temporarily, supposing the technical technical problem of (4) is attained and the surface tension of a middle imprint object is reduced as an ideal, it will stop occurring and filming of a middle imprint object will become unnecessary [the technology of (5)]. That is, it can be said that the technology of (5) is complement technology compensated with the technology of (4).

[0023] On the other hand, when performing roller transfer through a roller as a means of a secondary imprint, it is easy to generate the worm-eaten image in a secondary imprint production process. It is based on two reasons, the following a and b.

a. In the case of a full color image, in addition to toner thickness becoming thick, the mechanical adhesion force to a middle imprint object increases according to increase of the mechanical adhesion force which is the non-Coulomb force between the surface of a middle imprint object and a toner occurring powerfully, i.e., roller ** by the pressure welding of a roller, the effective density of a toner increases, and van der waals force increases by toner contiguity, consequently the adhesion force between toners to a middle imprint object increases with contact pressure with a roller.

[0024] b. In the process which carries out repeat activation of the image formation process, adhesion force generates the filming phenomenon of a toner in which a toner adheres to a middle imprint body surface in the shape of a film, between a lifting, a middle imprint body surface, and a toner. That is, although selection use of surface tension or the small material of surface energy

is generally carried out so that toner filming may not occur on a middle imprint object, (i "the adhesion force corresponding to the surface tension between a middle imprint object and a toner") will be generated also in such a case. And once toner filming occurs, although the adhesion force between "a middle imprint object and a toner" serves as (ii "the adhesion force determined with the surface tension of toners"), it is clear here. [of the adhesion force of (ii) being larger than the adhesion force of (i)] By the above, since the adhesion force between toners increases, while an imprint is not made partially, an omission phenomenon occurs, and it can be said that a worm-eaten image is produced.

[0025] It is United States Patent as a means to avoid this inside omission phenomenon, about generating of the worm-eaten image in a secondary imprint production process. There is technology indicated by the No. 5,053,827 specification (METHOD AND APPARATUSFOR INTERMITTENT CONDITIONING OF A TRANSFER BELT).

[0026] The roller (conditioning mean) which consists of members which consist of a material of the fluorine system which has surface energy smaller than the middle imprint hair side of belt side energy as a middle imprint object is applied to the middle imprint belt surface, and this United States Patent has the indication by having the conditioning process which reduces the surface energy of the middle imprint belt surface.

[0027] Furthermore, the middle imprint belt using a polycarbonate is made into an example. The early surface energy is 37 – 38 dyn-cm, and if a conditioning process is not used, it will go up to 40 – 45 dyn-cm. If 40 dyn-cm is exceeded, in order to suppose that the fault of an imprint will occur and to avoid this fault As described above, the roller formed with the material which used the fluorine of 30 or less dyn-cm as the base is applied to a belt, the thin coat layer of a fluorine material is formed in the surface, and it is said that a surface energy rise of the belt surface is controlled. Furthermore, when hair side of belt side energy is lowered too much, reverse has the indication of the purport which fault generates in the imprint to a middle imprint belt from a photo conductor at this United States Patent.

[0028] In the image formation equipment using the middle imprint belt (19) shown in drawing 1 mentioned later, when we used the middle imprint belt made from the polycarbonate, in the secondary imprint, the worm-eaten image generated them in the passage of time.

[0029] When the experiment which carried out optimum dose spreading of the zinc stearate was conducted on the middle imprint belt as lubricant, the fault of a secondary imprint was canceled, but when the coating weight of a toner decreased, the image of the letter of "a blur" was generated and the source location was checked, it became clear that it had happened at the primary imprint production process.

[0030] By the middle imprint belt using ETFE (ethylene-tetra-FURORO ethylene copolymer) which is the material of a fluorine system, the above-mentioned "blur" phenomenon occurred from the first stage. As opposed to middle imprint hair side of belt side energy being controlled by a certain level according to said conditioning process, if this is checked with the conventional example Although the photo conductor which is toner image support is grinding the surface with the cleaning-brush roller etc. A toner adheres to the surface in the shape of a film like a middle imprint belt with time, or Ozone, NO_x, etc. are polluted by the discharge generation gas of a corona charger, surface energy goes up gradually, and a toner is considered to be because it to become easy to adhere to a photo conductor side mechanically and for imprint nature to be spoiled.

[0031] The black toner image imprinted as the image section reproduced in black toner monochrome, such as the black alphabetic character section, in the equipment which has the order of imaging which piles up an image to the middle imprint object other than the fault by which some toner images are not imprinted actualizes deterioration of this imprint engine performance also as fault imprinted by reverse to a photo conductor at subsequent production processes in order of Black, cyanogen, a Magenta, and yellow. Incidentally, it is thought that fault occurred from the first stage by the middle imprint belt of ETFE because the surface energy differences of the photo conductor surface and the middle imprint belt surface differed greatly in the initial state.

[0032] In order to avoid such faults, when middle imprint hair side of belt side energy becomes

high too much, with the technology concerning said United States Patent, it is carrying out to operating a conditioning process. A conditioning process is operated when the copy number of sheets decided beforehand is specifically exceeded.

[0033] However, it is clear un-arranging [which interrupts a copy activity and operates a conditioning process], and the middle imprint belt surface of be [it / in a fixed condition / necessarily] is clear after the copy number of sheets always decided beforehand.

[0034] Moreover, if it observes about the toner used, in order to prevent a worm-eaten image, the method of raising the fluidity of a toner and making migratory [at the time of an imprint] raising, and the method of adding a resin particle etc. to a toner and preventing the consolidation of the toners by the press at the time of an imprint are learned. However, when improving the fluidity of a toner too much, there is a case where become easy to generate the phenomenon in which a toner breaks up, and faithful reappearance of an alphabetic character etc. becomes impossible at the time of an imprint.

[0035]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] Therefore, the purpose of this invention cancels the trouble in the above-mentioned conventional technology, and is in the image formation method using a middle imprint method to prevent the local poor imprint (worm-eaten) generated at the time of an imprint, and the poor repeatability of the image by Chile of a toner.

[0036]

[Means for Solving the Problem] The above-mentioned technical problem repeats a production process which imprints a toner image on (1) "image support of this invention primarily on an endless-like middle imprint object two or more times, piles it up, and forms a transfer picture. In an image formation method using a middle imprint method which bundles up a heavy transfer picture on this middle imprint object, and was secondarily imprinted on imprint material At least a toner which consists of Black, cyanogen, a Magenta, and a yellow color The amount of electrifications of a developer used for order which carries out sequential development on image support is held highly. And an image formation method characterized by making an absolute value of the amount of electrifications of a developer used into 10-30microc/g", "(2) Said toner used contains a hydrophobic silica at least. "An image formation method given [aforementioned] in (1) term characterized by whenever [condensation] being 5 - 25%", and (3) Whenever [said toner coloring / which is used / of each /-] are 2.2-2.8. It is solved by and image formation method using a middle imprint method given [aforementioned] in (1) term characterized by volume mean particle diameter of this toner being 4-9 micrometers." "Moreover, (4) Repeat a production process which imprints a toner image on image support primarily on an endless-like middle imprint object two or more times, pile it up, and a transfer picture is formed. In image formation equipment using a middle imprint method which bundles up a heavy transfer picture on this middle imprint object, and was secondarily imprinted on imprint material At least a toner which consists of Black, cyanogen, a Magenta, and a yellow color The amount of electrifications of a developer used for order which carries out sequential development on image support is held highly. And image formation equipment characterized by making an absolute value of the amount of electrifications of a developer used into 10-30microc/g", "(5) Said toner used contains a hydrophobic silica at least. "Image formation equipment given [aforementioned] in (4) terms characterized by whenever [condensation] being 5 - 25%", and (6) Whenever [said toner coloring / which is used / of each /-] are 2.2-2.8. It is solved by and the image formation equipment using a middle imprint method given [aforementioned] in (4) terms characterized by volume mean particle diameter of this toner being 4-9 micrometers."

[0037] Although it passes through a production process imprinted at once on imprint material (secondary imprint) after a toner of a color with which this inventions differ on a middle imprint object in a target image formation method laps, on a middle imprint object, the sequential imprint (primary imprint) of each color toner is carried out from image support. In this case, fault that the amount of electrifications becomes easy to rise, the imprint property of a toner at the time of a secondary imprint will change with order of a primary imprint in order to receive many charge hysteresis on a middle imprint object, and a color tone of a color picture will differ from an original manuscript produces a toner imprinted primarily first. Such fault is canceled by this

invention. Hereafter, this invention is explained to details.

[0038] It became clear that an imprint property at the time of a secondary imprint of two or more colors fixedizes by color, and a color picture of a stable color tone is obtained by making the amount of electrifications of a developer to be used high in order of development as a result of this invention persons' examination. Moreover, an absolute value of the amount of electrifications of a developer is desirable, in order that considering as 10-30microc/g may be stabilized and it may acquire an imprint property.

[0039] Furthermore, in order to attain the purpose of this invention, it is necessary to give a suitable fluidity, and as for whenever [condensation], to a toner used for this invention, it is desirable that it is 5 - 25%. When whenever [condensation] is less than 5%, Chile of a toner at the time of an imprint may occur, and, in an adult case, worm-eaten may occur rather than 25% at the time of an imprint.

[0040] Measurement of whenever [condensation / of a toner] can be performed by following methods. That is, using a powder circuit tester (Hosokawa Micron CORP. make), a screen (75 micrometers of openings, 45 micrometers, and 22 micrometers) is arranged in this order from a top, a 2g toner is thrown into a screen of 75 micrometers of openings, vibration is given for 30 seconds with amplitude of 1mm, weight of 0.5, and 0.3 and 0.1 is applied and added to each measurement, and toner weight of each plus sieve after vibration is computed by percentage.

[0041] Moreover, it is effective in order that a hydrophobic silica may attain the purpose of this invention as an additive mixed especially to a toner. A here hydrophobic silica usually shows 50% or more of thing whenever [hydrophobing]. Whenever [hydrophobing / of silica impalpable powder] is controllable by carrying out surface treatment (hydrophobing processing) of the surface of silica impalpable powder with a silane system compound. That is, a silane compound is made to react to a hydroxyl group combined with silica impalpable powder, and it can control by replacing a hydroxyl group by a siloxyl radical etc. Therefore, whenever [hydrophobing] is the rate of a hydroxyl group which disappeared by the above-mentioned reaction among hydroxyl groups which existed before hydrophobing. Hydrophobing processing is performed by making a dialkyl dihalogen-ized silane, a trialkyl halogenation silane, hexa alkyl disilazane, an alkyl TORIHAROGEN-ized silane, etc. react to silica impalpable powder under an elevated temperature.

[0042] Moreover, whenever [hydrophobing / of said silica impalpable powder] can be measured by following method. That is, 50ml of water is put into a 200ml beaker, and 0.2 moreg silica impalpable powder is added, and ml of a dropping methanol when silica impalpable powder with which a tip is adding a methanol from a buret immersed underwater, and is appearing beginning to sink, and sinking completely at the time of dropping, agitating gently with a magnet stirrer, — reading and hydrophobing whenever = — {— ml of a dropping methanol — a number — /(ml of 50+ dropping methanol number)}x100 (%)

since — it asks. Since silica impalpable powder which carried out a role of a surfactant in this case, and has floated with dropping of a methanol distributes a methanol underwater through a methanol, whenever [hydrophobing / of silica impalpable powder] is so high that a value of whenever [hydrophobing] is large. Moreover, 0.1-2.0 weight section addition of the content of a hydrophobic silica used for this invention is carried out to the toner particle 100 weight section. Moreover, it is a 0.3 - 1.5 weight section degree especially preferably.

[0043] Furthermore, it became clear to phenomena, such as worm-eaten [at the time of the above-mentioned imprint], and Chile of a toner, that a direction with little coating weight per unit area of a toner developed is advantageous as a result of this invention persons' examination.

[0044] That is, although a toner is further transferred to imprint material, when there is much coating weight of a toner, condensation of toners is promoted by consolidation of a toner by the press at the time of an imprint, and it is easy to generate Chile from image support, without [a middle imprint object and] becoming easy to generate worm-eaten and being able to perform transition of a still more faithful toner.

[0045] Moreover, although it is generally desirable for high-definition-izing to diameter[of a granule]-ize a toner, it becomes easy to generate the aforementioned worm-eaten phenomenon

by diameter[of a granule]-izing. Therefore, although it is desirable to lessen development coating weight of a toner further, in this case, image concentration runs short and a high-definition image is no longer obtained.

[0046] Therefore, it is necessary to raise whenever [toner coloring-]. On the other hand, when there is too little coating weight of a toner, a feeling of ZARATSUKI of an image comes to be conspicuous. It is desirable to set whenever [toner coloring-] to 2.2-2.8 from these points.

[0047] Whenever [toner coloring-] was measured as follows here. That is, toner 1mg/cm² were made to adhere to a transfer paper (the Ricoh make, Types 6000 and 70W), an anchorage device of Ricoh PURITERU 550 was passed, and image concentration was measured for a fixing image with a 938 SUPEKUTORO densitometer made from X-Rite. Moreover, as for volume mean particle diameter of a toner used for this invention, it is desirable to be referred to as 4-9 micrometers. While a feeling of ZARATSUKI of an image is lost by being referred to as 9 micrometers or less, a high image of resolution is obtained. Moreover, in the case of less than 4 micrometers, worm-eaten [at the time of an imprint] may occur.

[0048] Hereafter, a toner and a developer which are used for this invention are explained to details. As binder resin used in a toner used by this invention, all things used as binding resin for toners from the former are applied. Specifically Styrene, such as polystyrene, Pori p-chloro styrene, and polyvinyl toluene, and a polymer; styrene-p-chloro styrene copolymer of the substitution product, A styrene-propylene copolymer, a styrene-vinyltoluene copolymer, A styrene-vinyl naphthalene copolymer, a styrene-methyl-acrylate copolymer, A styrene-ethyl-acrylate copolymer, a styrene-butyl acrylate copolymer, A styrene-acrylic-acid octyl copolymer, a styrene-methyl-methacrylate copolymer, A styrene-ethyl methacrylate copolymer, a styrene-methacrylic-acid butyl copolymer, A styrene-alpha-Krol methyl-methacrylate copolymer, a styrene acrylonitrile copolymer, A styrene-vinyl methyl ether copolymer, a styrene-vinyl ethyl ether copolymer, A styrene-vinyl methyl ketone copolymer, a styrene-butadiene copolymer, A styrene-isoprene copolymer, a styrene-acrylonitrile-indene copolymer, Styrene system copolymers, such as a styrene-maleic-acid copolymer and a styrene-maleate copolymer; Polymethylmethacrylate, Poly butyl methacrylate, a polyvinyl chloride, polyvinyl acetate, polyethylene, Polypropylene, polyester, polyvinyl butyl butyral, polyacrylic resin, These are independent, or rosin, denaturation rosin, terpene resin, phenol resin, aliphatic series or alicycle group hydrocarbon resin, aromatic series system petroleum resin, chlorinated paraffin, paraffin wax, etc. are mentioned, and they are used by two or more sorts, mixing. In these, especially desirable things are polyol resin, polyester, and an epoxy resin in this invention.

[0049] In a toner of this invention, in order to give suitable electrification for a toner, it is desirable to make an electrification control agent contain. As an electrification control agent in this case, material of a white system is added from a transparent plane color which does not spoil a color tone of a color toner, and what can carry out stabilization grant of the toner electrification nature is desirable to negative polarity or straight polarity. As a thing of straight polarity, quarternary ammonium salt, an imidazole metal complex, salts, etc. are used, and, specifically, a salicylic-acid metal complex, salts, organic boron salts, a calyx allene system compound, etc. are used as a thing of negative polarity.

[0050] Moreover, a stain pigment as a coloring agent which can obtain a toner of yellow, a Magenta, cyanogen, and the Black color can be used. for example, independent in any conventionally well-known stain pigments, such as stain pigments, such as carbon black, lamp black, ultramarine blue, aniline bule, copper phthalocyanine blue, Phthalocyanine Green, Hansa yellow G, rhodamine 6G, a lake, KARUKO oil blue, chrome yellow, Quinacridone, benzidine yellow, a rose bengal, and a triaryl methane system color, — or it can be used, mixing. The amount of these coloring agents used is usually 3 - 20 % of the weight preferably one to 30% of the weight to binding resin.

[0051] Moreover, it is possible to add titanium oxide, an alumina, etc. hydrophobic for the purpose which raises a fluidity other than a hydrophobic silica shown in this invention as an external additive added to a toner. In addition, fatty-acid metal salts (zinc stearate, aluminum stearate, etc.), polyvinylidene fluoride, etc. may be added if needed.

[0052] Moreover, it is possible to give electrification to a toner, to mix with a carrier in order to

convey a toner in a development unit, and to use it as a two component developer. That by which iron powder with a particle size of about 20-200 micrometers, nickel powder, ferrite powder, a glass bead, etc. coated the surface with mixture of these resin, such as a styrene-acrylic ester copolymer, a styrene-methacrylic ester copolymer, an acrylic ester polymer, a methacrylic ester polymer, silicone resin, polyamide resin, ionomer resin, and polyphenylene sulfide resin, by making these into a core material as a carrier again is used.

[0053]

[Embodiment of the Invention] Hereafter, this invention shoots based on drawing 4, and the example of the image formation method and the example of equipment are further explained to details. In the equipment of drawing 4, the color picture data from the color scanner which is not illustrated is changed into a lightwave signal, and an electrostatic latent image is formed in a photo conductor (9) of the write-in optical unit which performs the optical writing corresponding to a manuscript image and which is not illustrated. This optical unit is well-known in itself, and consists of a laser diode, a polygon mirror, a polygon motor, an image formation lens, a reflective mirror, etc. a photo conductor (9) — an arrow head — like — a counterclockwise rotation — rotating — although — The cleaning unit which contains a front [cleaning] electric discharge machine, a KUNININGU roller, and a cleaning blade (10-3) in the surroundings of it (10), electric discharge — a lamp — (— 1.1 —) — electrification — a vessel — (— 12 —) — potential — a sensor — (— 13 —) — Bk — a development counter — (— 14 —) — C — a development counter — (— 15 —) — M — a development counter — (— 16 —) — Y — a development counter — (— 17 —) — development — concentration — a pattern — a detector — (— 18 —) — middle — an imprint — a belt — (— 19 —) — etc. — arranging — having — ****. Each development counter (14) — (17) consists of a development paddle which rotates in order to pump up and agitate development — (17-1) and the sleeve (14-1) which are rotated so that a developer may be made to counter a photo conductor (9), in order to develop an electrostatic latent image, and a developer, a toner concentration detection sensor of a developer, etc. Here, the example which set sequence (color toner formation sequence) of development actuation to Bk, C, M, and Y explains actuation below (however, sequence is not restricted to this).

[0054] If copy actuation understands and is carried out, the read of Bk image data will start from timing predetermined with the color scanner which is not illustrated, and the optical writing by the laser beam and latent-image formation will start based on this image data (Bk latent image is called hereafter.). Suppose that it is the same also about C, M, and Y. That development should be made possible from the point of this Bk latent image, before a latent-image point arrives at the development location of Bk development counter (14), rotation initiation of the development sleeve (14-1) is carried out, and Bk latent image is developed with Bk toner (the amount of electrifications is held to min). Then, although development actuation of Bk latent-image field is continued, when Bk latent-image back end section passes through Bk development location, it changes into a development non-operative condition. This is made to complete at least before the following C image point reaches.

[0055] Subsequently, Bk toner image formed on the photo conductor (9) is imprinted on the surface of the middle imprint belt (19) by which the uniform drive is carried out with the photo conductor (9) (the toner image imprint to a middle imprint belt (19) from a photo conductor (9) is hereafter called "primary imprint"). A primary imprint is performed by impressing imprint bias voltage in the condition that the photo conductor (9) and the middle imprint belt (19) contacted. And sequential alignment of the toner image of Bk, C, M, and Y which carry out sequential formation to a middle imprint belt (19) at a photo conductor (9) is carried out in the same field, the primary transfer picture of 4 color piles is formed, and a package imprint (secondary imprint) is performed to a transfer paper after that. About the unit configuration of this middle imprint belt (19), and actuation, it mentions later.

[0056] Although it progresses after Bk production process in a photo conductor (9) side at C production process which used C toner which held the amount of electrifications small next, C image read by the color scanner begins from predetermined timing, and C latent-image formation is performed in the laser beam writing by the image data. After previous Bk latent-image back end section passed to the development location, and before the tip of C latent image reaches, C

development counter (15) carries out rotation initiation of the development sleeve (15-1), and develops C latent image with C toner which held the amount of electrifications small to the 2nd. Although the development of C latent-image field is continued after that, when the latent-image back end section passes, it changes into a development non-actuation condition like the case of previous Bk development counter. a mist [this] beam — it is made to complete before the following M latent-image point reaches About the production process of M and Y, since the amount of electrifications uses the toner held greatly one by one and also each image data read, latent-image formation, and actuation of development are the same as that of the production process of above-mentioned Bk and C, explanation is omitted.

[0057] The middle imprint belt (19) is constructed over the imprint bias roller (20), the driving roller (21), and the follower roller (35), and drive control is carried out from the drive motor 2 which is not illustrated. A belt cleaning unit (22) is constituted by the brush roller (22-1) which abbreviation one half has exposed, rubber blade (22-2) **, etc., and carries out attachment-and-detachment actuation according to the attachment-and-detachment device which is not illustrated. The timing of this attachment-and-detachment actuation is made to desert a middle imprint belt (19) side until the primary imprint of Y (this example four amorous glance of the last color) is completed from a print start, is subsequent predetermined timing and cleans by making a middle imprint belt (19) side contact according to said attachment-and-detachment device.

[0058] The paper imprint unit (23) consists of attachment-and-detachment devices (23-3) from a paper imprint bias roller (23-1) (electric-field means forming for a secondary imprint), a roller cleaning blade (23-2), and a middle imprint belt (19) etc. Although this bias roller (23-1) has usually deserted the middle imprint belt (19), when carrying out the package imprint of the heavy image of four colors formed in the middle imprint belt (19) side at a transfer paper (imprint material) (24), it takes timing, is pressed by the attachment-and-detachment device (23-3), it impresses predetermined bias voltage to said roller (23-1), and performs the imprint to a transfer paper (24). Thus, the transfer paper (24) with which the package imprint of the 4 color pile images was carried out from the middle imprint belt (19) side It is conveyed in a paper conveyance unit (27) by the fixing assembly which is not illustrated, and the full color copy by which welding fixing was carried out in the toner image with the fixing roller controlled by predetermined temperature and the pressurization roller is obtained. On the other hand, the surface of the photo conductor after a belt imprint (9) is cleaned in a cleaning unit (10), and is further discharged by homogeneity with an electric discharge lamp (11). Moreover, as mentioned above, to the predetermined timing after belt imprint termination of Y image of the last color, according to said attachment-and-detachment device, cleaning of a middle imprint belt (19) presses a cleaning unit (22) to a middle imprint belt (19) side, and performs it.

[0059]

[Example] Hereafter, an example explains this invention to details further.

Example 1 <a black toner> Binding resin (polyol resin: 105 degrees C of softening temperatures) The 100 weight sections Electrification control agent (fluorine-containing quarternary-ammonium-salt compound) The 0.8 weight sections Coloring agent (carbon black) After mixing enough with a blender, melting kneading of the 7 weight sections was carried out with 2 rolls which heated at 100-110 degrees C. Coarse grinding of the kneading object was carried out by the cutter mill after natural radiationnal cooling, the pulverizer using a jet stream removed fines after grinding using pneumatic elutriation equipment, and the parent coloring particle was obtained. Furthermore, to this parent coloring particle 100 weight section, 60% of hydrophobic titanium oxide 0.8 weight section was mixed with the Henschel mixer whenever [hydrophobing], and the toner was obtained. Moreover, this toner was mixed with the turbular mixer at a rate of 5 weight sections to the carrier 100 weight section which carried out the surface coat of the silicone resin to the ferrite particle with a mean particle diameter of 50 micrometers, and it considered as the developer. In addition, as for the volume mean particle diameter of the obtained toner, whenever [2.0 and condensation] was 26 whenever [9.2 micrometer and coloring], and the amount of electrifications of a developer was -16microc/g. Moreover, about cyanogen, the Magenta, and the yellow toner, the toner was created on the same conditions as a black toner in the following configuration conditions, and the developer was acted similarly.

[0060]

[A table 1]

	シアントナー	マゼンタトナー	イエロートナー
接着樹脂	ポリオール樹脂: 軟化点 105°C	100 重量部	
帶電制御剤	含フッ素四級アンモニウム塩化合物 (0.9 重量部)	(1.0 重量部)	(1.2 重量部)
着色剤	銅フタロシアニン ブルー顔料 (C.I.Pigment Blue 15)	キナクリドン系顔料 (C.I.Pigment Red 122)	ジスアゾ系顔料 (C.I.Pigment Yellow 17) (2.0 重量部)
外添加剤	疎水性酸化チタン (疎水化度 60%) (0.8 重量部)	(0.8 重量部)	(0.8 重量部)

The property of the obtained toner and a developer is shown in a table 7. Moreover, the good result was obtained, when set to Ricoh PURITERU 550 the toner and developer which were obtained, negatives were developed in order of Black, cyanogen, a Magenta, and yellow, imprint nature (toner dust and worm-eaten) in the alphabetic character section at the time of 4 color piles was evaluated and evaluation of the ZARATSUKI nature of the solid section and image concentration was performed further. In addition, the method of evaluation was enforced as follows.

[0061] Worm-eaten rank rank 5 at the time of an imprint It is completely the non-generated rank 4. Rank 3 which worm-eaten [1-2] can check with a magnifier although it cannot check visually Rank 2 which worm-eaten [several] can check with a magnifier although it can hardly check visually Rank 1 which can check worm-eaten visually That most alphabetic characters have fallen out is [0062] which can be checked visually. Rank rank 5 of imprint Chile at the time of an imprint It is completely the non-generated rank 4. Rank 3 which can check slight Chile with a magnifier although it cannot check visually Rank 2 which several Chile can check with a magnifier although it can hardly check visually Rank 1 which Chile can check visually BOYAKE of the alphabetic character by Chile can check visually (magnifier: one 10 times the scale factor of this).

[0063] A ZARATSUKI nature rank rank 5 Uniform solid image rank 4 Rank 3 which the nonuniformity of an image can check slightly with a magnifier visually although it is uniform Rank 2 which can be checked with a magnifier although ZARATSUKI can hardly be checked visually Rank 1 which can check ZARATSUKI of an image visually Monochromatic concentration is measured with the level image concentration Macbeth reflection-density meter (made in Macbeth) which ZARATSUKI of an image is severe and cannot say as a solid image.

[0064] Example 2 [0065]

[A table 2]

	ブラックトナー	シアントナー	マゼンタトナー	イエロートナー
接着樹脂	ポリエスチル樹脂：軟化点 110°C 100重量部			
帶電制御剤	サリチル酸誘導体亜鉛塩 (1.0重量部) (1.0重量部) (1.0重量部) (1.0重量部)			
着色剤	カーボンブラック ブルー (C.I.Pigment Blue 15)	銅フタロシアニン (C.I.Pigment Red 122)	キナクリドン系顔料 (C.I.Pigment Yellow 180)	ゾ系顔料
	(7.2重量部)	(2.0重量部)	(3.8重量部)	(4.5重量部)
外添加剤	疎水性シリカ (疎水化度 70%) (0.7重量部) (0.7重量部) (0.7重量部) (0.7重量部)			

The toner was created on the same conditions as an example 1, specified quantity mixing was carried out with the same carrier, and it considered as the developer. The same evaluation as an example 1 was performed using the toner and developer which were obtained. In addition, the obtained toner and the property of a developer, and also the evaluation result of image quality quality are indicated to a table 7.

[0066] Example 3 [0067]

[A table 3]

	ブラックトナー	シアントナー	マゼンタトナー	イエロートナー
接着樹脂	ポリオール樹脂：軟化点 110°C 100重量部			
帶電制御剤	含フッ素四級アンモニウム塩化合物 (1.0重量部) (1.0重量部) (1.0重量部) (1.2重量部)			
着色剤	カーボンブラック ブルー (C.I.Pigment Blue 15)	銅フタロシアニン (C.I.Pigment Red 122)	キナクリドン系顔料 (C.I.Pigment Yellow 180)	ゾ系顔料
	(9.0重量部)	(3.5重量部)	(6.0重量部)	(6.0重量部)
外添加剤	疎水性シリカ (疎水化度 80%) (0.5重量部) (0.6重量部) (0.7重量部) (0.7重量部)			

The toner was created on the same conditions as an example 1, specified quantity mixing was carried out with the same carrier, and it considered as the developer. The same evaluation as an example 1 was performed using the toner and developer which were obtained. In addition, the obtained toner and the property of a developer, and also the evaluation result of image quality quality are indicated to a table 7.

[0068] Example 4 [0069]

[A table 4]

	ブラックトナー	シアントナー	マゼンタトナー	イエロートナー
接着樹脂	ポリエステル樹脂：軟化点98℃		100重量部	
帶電制御剤	含フッ素四級アンモニウム塩／サリチル酸誘導体亜鉛塩			
	(1.0/0.5重量部)	(0.8/0.7重量部)	(0.6/0.8重量部)	(0.4/0.9重量部)
着色剤	カーボンブラック ブルー (C.I.Pigment Blue 15)	銅フタロシアニン (C.I.Pigment Red 122)	キナクリドン系顔料 (C.I.Pigment Yellow 180)	アゾ系顔料
	(9.0重量部)	(3.5重量部)	(6.0重量部)	(5.8重量部)
外添加剤	疎水性シリカ (疎水化度80%)			
	(0.6重量部)	(0.6重量部)	(0.7重量部)	(0.7重量部)

The toner was created on the same conditions as an example 1, specified quantity mixing was carried out with the same carrier, and it considered as the developer. The same evaluation as an example 1 was performed using the toner and developer which were obtained. In addition, the obtained toner and the property of a developer, and also the evaluation result of image quality quality are indicated to a table 7.

[0070] The example 1 of a comparison [0071]

[A table 5]

	ブラックトナー	シアントナー	マゼンタトナー	イエロートナー
接着樹脂	ポリオール樹脂：軟化点105℃		100重量部	
帶電制御剤	含フッ素四級アンモニウム塩化合物			
	(1.2重量部)	(0.8重量部)	(0.8重量部)	(0.8重量部)
着色剤	カーボンブラック ブルー (C.I.Pigment Blue 15)	銅フタロシアニン (C.I.Pigment Red 122)	キナクリドン系顔料 (C.I.Pigment Yellow 180)	アゾ系顔料
	(9.0重量部)	(3.5重量部)	(6.0重量部)	(6.2重量部)
外添加剤	疎水性酸化チタン (疎水化度20%)			
	(0.7重量部)	(0.7重量部)	(0.7重量部)	(0.7重量部)

The toner was created on the same conditions as an example 1, specified quantity mixing was carried out with the same carrier, and it considered as the developer. The same evaluation as an example 1 was performed using the toner and developer which were obtained. In addition, the obtained toner and the property of a developer, and also the evaluation result of image quality quality are indicated to a table 7.

[0072] The example 2 of a comparison [0073]

[A table 6]

	ブラックトナー	シアントナー	マゼンタトナー	イエロートナー
接着樹脂	ポリエスチル樹脂:軟化点105℃		100重量部	
帶電制御剤	含フッ素四級アンモニウム塩化合物			
	(1.0重量部)	(1.0重量部)	(1.0重量部)	(1.0重量部)
着色剤	カーボンブラック ブルー (C.I.Pigment Blue 15)	銅フタロシアニン (C.I.Pigment Red 122)	キナクリドン系顔料 (C.I.Pigment Yellow 180)	アゾ系顔料
	(1.2重量部)	(5.0重量部)	(9.0重量部)	(9.0重量部)
外添加剤	疎水性シリカ (疎水化度30%)			
	(0.8重量部)	(0.8重量部)	(0.8重量部)	(0.8重量部)

The toner was created on the same conditions as an example 1, specified quantity mixing was carried out with the same carrier, and it considered as the developer. The same evaluation as an example 1 was performed using the toner and developer which were obtained. In addition, the obtained toner and the property of a developer, and also the evaluation result of image quality quality are indicated to a table 7.

[0074]

[A table 7]

[0075]

[Effect of the Invention] As explained in detail and concretely, as mentioned above, this invention In the image formation method using a middle imprint method at least Black, The amount of electrifications of a developer makes it high at the order which develops the toner which consists of cyanogen, a Magenta, and a yellow color on image support. And it is a good imprint property's being acquired, being able to prevent worm-eaten and development called imprint Chile by making the absolute value of the amount of electrifications into 10-30microc/g, and a toner's containing a hydrophobic silica at least further, and making whenever

[condensation] into 5 – 25%. Furthermore, the extremely excellent effect that a good imprint property is acquired and also a still better imprint property is acquired by setting whenever

[toner coloring–] to 2.2–2.8, and setting volume mean particle diameter to 4–9 micrometers is demonstrated.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1] It is drawing showing the worm-eaten example of an image generated in the conventional image formation method.

[Drawing 2] It is drawing explaining high surface roughness and worm-eaten image generating in the conventional image formation method.

[Drawing 3] It is drawing explaining worm-eaten image ***** in the conventional image formation method.

[Drawing 4] It is drawing explaining the example of image formation equipment and the example of a method of this invention.

[Description of Notations]

w Worm-eaten

I Electrode

II Electrode

II-1 Electrode heights

II-2 Electrode crevice

Gp Air gap

T Toner

9 Photo Conductor (Image Support)

10 Photo Conductor Cleaning Unit

10-1 Front [Cleaning] *****

10-2 Brush Roller

10-3 Rubber Blade

11 Electric Discharge Lamp

12 Electrification Machine

13 Potential Sensor

14 Bk Development Counter

14-1 Development Sleeve

15 C Development Counter

15-1 Development Sleeve

16 M Development Counter

16-1 Development Sleeve

17 Y Development Counter

17-1 Development Sleeve

18 Development Concentration Pattern Detector

19 Middle Imprint Belt

20 Imprint Bias Roller

21 Driving Roller

22 Belt Cleaning Unit

22-1 Brush Roller

22-2 Rubber Blade

23 Paper Imprint Unit

23-1 Paper Imprint Bias Roller
23-2 Roller Cleaning Blade
23-3 Attachment-and-Detachment Device
24 Transfer Paper
27 Conveyance Belt
35 Follower Roller

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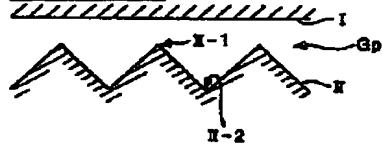
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[Drawing 1]



[Drawing 2]



[Drawing 3]

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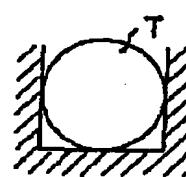
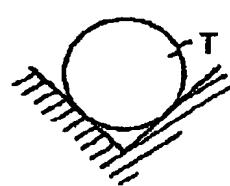
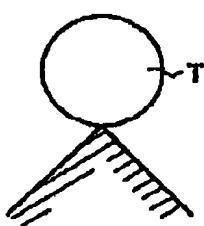
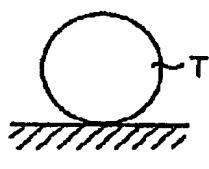
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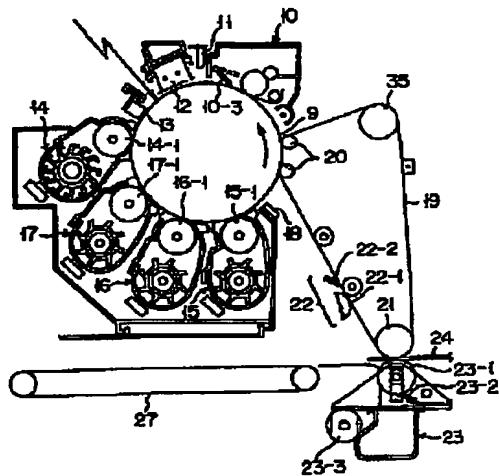
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させればよし、そのための技術として、以下に述べるよ

うな技術が提案されている。

(11) 中間転写体の表面粗度に関する技術

a. 中間転写体にエラストマーを使用し、かつ、中間転

写体の表面粗度を規定することで、中間転写体と転写材

との密着性を向上させ、転写性を向上。虫食い状画像

の発生防止をはかるもの(特開平3-242667号公報)

b. 中間転写体の表面粗度を規定し、転

写性向上。虫食い状画像発生防止をはかるもの(特開昭

63-194272号公報、特開平4-303869号公報、特開平5-19

9号公報)がある。

【請求項1】像担持体上のトナー像を無端状の中間転

写体に一次転写する工程を複数回繰り返して重ね転写画像

像を形成し、この中間転写体上の重ね転写画像を一括し

て転写材上に二次転写するようにした中間転写方式を用

いた画像形成方法において、少なくとも、ブラック、シ

アン、マゼンタ、イエローからなるトナーを、像担持

体上に順次現像する順に、用いる現像剤の帶電量を高く

保持し、かつ用いられる現像剤の帶電量の燃れ度を1.0

～3.0 μ C/gとすることを特徴とする画像形成方法。

【請求項2】前記用いられるトナーが、少なくとも棘

性シリカを含有し、凝集度が5～25%であることを特徴

とする請求項1記載の画像形成方法。

【請求項3】前記用いられる各々のトナーの色濃度が2.0～2.8であり、かつ各トナーの体積平均粒径が4～9 μ mであることを特徴とする請求項1記載の中間転写方式を用いた画像形成方法。

【発明の詳細な説明】

【請求項の属する技術分野】本発明は、複写機、プリンタ

2.～2.8であり、かつ各トナーの体積平均粒径が4～9 μ mであることを特徴とする請求項1記載の中間転写方式を用いた画像形成方法。

【発明の詳細な説明】

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1.～1.8であり、かつ各トナーの体積平均粒径が4～9 μ mであることを特徴とする請求項1記載の中間転写方式を用いた画像形成方法。

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いえる。また、凹部のデッキなどに位置するトナーの中間転写体に対する付着力は、凸部のエッジなどに位置するトナーの付着力よりも大きいので、凹部は離すにくいといえる。

【0009】つまり、図3において離す際に、1粒のトナーを符号(T)で、接触面をハッキングを施した面でそれぞれ示したとすると、トナーの実効付着力は、図3(a)に示した如き平面離す、及び図3(b)に示した如き凸部離すに比べて、図3(c)、図3(d)にそれぞれ示した如き凹部離すの方が離す難度が大きくなる。

・接着する互いの材料が同一系の場合、近接面(=付着力面)に対してファン・デル・ワールス力が働くことから、実効付着力の大小は付着力の大小と同様となる。したがって付着力>凸部付着力となる。

【0010】以上のことから、表面の凹凸による転写性の差異が実質上問題とならないレベルまで、中間転写体表面は粗さが少ない傾向にするのがよいといえる。このことは、感光体にもいえることであるが、感光体の表面粗度は、古くはS_e感光体を用いたドラムまで通り、かかる感光体に付けて、その表面粗度を離す性を、転写性の観点から、虫喰い状画像の解消には、転写性を一定に保つことは、周知である。したがって、凹凸による転写性の差異が実質上問題とならないレベルまで、中間転写体表面の粗度を調整することは、虫喰い状画像の再生防止にによって、意味がある。

【0011】しかしながら、中間転写体の表面粗度の低減化には限度があり、また、表面の凹凸は図2に示すような常に一定の形状の凹凸ばかりではない。形状の異なる凹凸の場合には、電界強度は常に凹部-凸部間の距離により固定まるものではなく、例えば凸部が同じ高さであつてもその幅の大きいによる電界集中度の違い、例えば凸部先端が電荷の集中し易い尖った鋸歯のものであるか、あるいは電荷の集中が、さほどない頂面部面積を有する鋸歯のものであるかの違いによっても異なり頂面部面積に対するエネルギーであり、したがって、表面の接触面力をソドムの上に液体を置くときの接着力をりどし、これら液体と固体内に作用する付着力をWで示すと、

W = $\gamma_A (1 + \cos \theta) \dots \dots (1)$

と転写機界による電気的な力の双方を作用させることができ、したがって、機械的な力によって転写機界による力の双方を作用させることのできる、後者の方が転写性に優れていると云うことができる。虫喰い状画像を微視的な転写性による現象と考えると、転写機体間(感光体と中間転写体間に)離す度差を設けた方が虫喰い状の異常画像の解消に有利であるといえる。しかしながら、転写機体間に離す度差を設ける場合にはその線速度差によりトナー像に剪断力を与え像の歪みを生じ離ちになる。

【0014】(3) 転写ニップ压の低減に関する技術

転写ニップ压を標準化し、転写性向上、虫喰い状画像発生防止をはかるもの(特開平1-177063号公報、特開平4-284479号公報)が挙げられる。これら(3)の技術技術について、感光体と中間転写体との間に転写手写を別にして説明する。一次転写に際して感光体、中間転写手写は機械的又は静電力により押さえられる。転写ニップ压。つまり、両者の間に押さえられるトナーは、押さえられていることとなる。この押圧によるトナー粒子相互間距離の近接に伴い、ファン・デル・ワース力は増大し、また、トナーの凝集によるトナー粒子構成材料間の引力も増大する。これららの理由から、転写手写の観点から、虫喰い状画像の解消には、転写ニップ压を低くするのが望ましいといえる。

【0015】しかしながら、転写機体相互をより密着させて相互間距離を小さくするすることはトナーの正確な転写位置関係の保持のために有利であり、この観点からすれば転写ニップ压の低減化には限度がある。

【0016】(4) 中間転写体の表面粗度の低減に関する技術

中間転写体材料の滑れ性を小さく特化化し、転写性向上、虫喰い状画像発生防止をはかるもの(特開平2-198476号公報、特開平6-2-293号公報、特開平5-204255号公報、特開平5-3-03293号公報)及び、c. 中間転写体表面に離型性に優れた物質を供給し、転写手写向上、虫喰い状画像発生防止をはかるもの(特開昭5-8-1-187968号公報)も転写性を一定に保つことは周知の事実である。したがって、凹凸による転写性の差異が実質上問題とならないレベルまで、中間転写体表面の粗度を調整することは、虫喰い状画像の再生防止にによって、意味がある。

【0017】(2) 転写機体間での線速度差の設定に関する技術

転写機体間の線速度を規定し、転写性向上、虫喰い状の異常画像発生防止をはかるもの(特開平2-213882号公報)が挙げられる。

【0018】この(2)の技術について、感光体と中間転写体との間の転写である。感光体と中間転写体との間の転写速度差の問題は、現実の各転写体相互通じる問題はさほど簡単ではない。

【0019】(3) 転写ニップ压の低減に関する技術

転写ニップ压を標準化し、転写性向上、虫喰い状画像発生防止をはかるもの(特開平2-1-187968号公報、特開平5-204255号公報)が挙げられる。これら(3)の技術技術について、感光体と中間転写体との間に転写手写を別にして説明する。一次転写に際して感光体、中間転写手写は機械的又は静電力により押さえられる。転写ニップ压。つまり、両者の間に押さえられるトナーは、押さえられていることとなる。この押圧によるトナー粒子相互間距離の近接に伴い、ファン・デル・ワース力は増大し、また、トナーの凝集によるトナー粒子構成材料間の引力も増大する。これららの理由から、転写手写の観点から、虫喰い状画像の解消には、転写ニップ压を低くするのが望ましいといえる。

【0020】しかしながら、転写機体相互をより密着させて相互間距離を小さくするすることはトナーの正確な転写位置関係の保持のために有利であり、この観点からすれば転写ニップ压の低減化には限度がある。

【0021】(5) 中間転写体表面のトーフィルミング層の除去に関する技術

中間転写体表面に離型性を有する、との顯示がある。この前記説明から理解されるように、中間転写体における転写性の低減化は、二次転写においては必ずしも常に有利に作用するとは限らない。【0022】(6) 中間転写体表面のトーフィルミング層の除去に関する技術

中間転写体表面に離型性を有する、との顯示がある。

【0023】一方、二次転写における虫喰い状画像発生防止をはかるもの(特開平5-2-213882号公報)が挙げられる。この(6)の技術は不要となる。つまり、(5)の技術と比べて(4)の技術を補完技術であるといえる。

【0024】一方、二次転写工程における虫喰い状画像は、二次転写の手段として、ローラを媒介とするローラ転写を行う場合に発生やすい。それは、次のa、bの2つの理由による。

a. フルローラ画像の場合、トナー層厚が厚くなることにより、ローラによる接觸圧力により、中間転写体の表面とトナー間の非クーロン力である機械的付着力が強力に発生すること、つまり、ローラの圧接によるローラ圧の増大により中間転写体への機械的付着力が増大し、トナーの表面密度が増大し、トナー近接によりファン・デル・ワールス力が増大し、その結果、中間転写体へのトナー間付着力が増大する。

b. 画像形成プロセスを繰り返し実行する過程において、中間転写体表面にトナーがフィルム状に付着するトナーとの間に付着力が発生する。つまり、一回の表面強度がトナーとの間に付着力が発生しないよう、中間転写体表面は板面エネルギーが発生しないよう、中間転写体表面は板面エネルギーの小さい材料が選択使用されるが、その場合においても、(i) 中間転写体表面とトナーとの間に付着力が発生する。つまり、トナー間の表面強度に見合う付着力は発生してしまった。そして、ひとたび、トーフィルミングが発生すると、「中間転写体トナー」ととの間の付着力は、(ii)「トナー同士の表面強度で決定される付着力」となる。トナー間の付着力よりも(i)の付着力の方が大きくなる。ここで、(i)の付着力よりも、(ii)の付着力が大きくなることは明白である。以上により、トナー間付着力が増大することから、転写機部が部分的になされない中抜け現象が発生し、虫喰い状画像を生むといえる。

【0025】二次転写工程における虫喰い状画像の発生に關し、かかる中抜け現象を回避する手段として、米国特許第5,053,827号明細書(METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INTERMITTENT CONDITIONING OF A TRANSFER BELT)に開示された技術がある。

【0026】この米国特許には、中間転写体としての中間転写ベルトの表面エネルギーよりも小さな表面エネルギーを有するフッ素系の樹脂からなる部材で構成されているローラ(conditioning mean)を中間転写ベルト表面に当て、中間転写ベルト表面の表面エネルギーを減じるコンディショニングプロセスを有する、との顯示がある。

【0027】さらに、ボリカーボネートを用いた中間転写体を具体例として、その初期の表面エネルギーは3.7~3.8 dyne/cm⁻²であり、コンディショニングプロセスを用いないと4.0~4.5 dyne/cm⁻²に上昇し、感光体、中間転写体の表面の不具合が発生すると

【0022】前記した(1)～(4)の技術のうち、仮りに、(4)の技術課題が造りされて中間転写体の強力が型どりに低減されたとする、中間転写体の強力が型どりに低減されたとする、(5)の技術は不要とフィルミングは発生しないなり、(5)の技術は補完技術であるといえる。

【0023】一方、二次転写工程における虫喰い状画像は、二次転写の手段として、ローラを媒介とするローラ転写を行う場合に発生やすい。それは、次のa、bの2つの理由による。

a. フルローラ画像の場合、トナー層厚が厚くなることにより、ローラによる接觸圧力により、中間転写体の表面とトナー間の非クーロン力である機械的付着力が強力に発生すること、つまり、ローラの圧接によるローラ圧の増大により中間転写体への機械的付着力が増大し、トナーの表面密度が増大し、トナー近接によりファン・

デル・ワールス力が増大し、その結果、中間転写体へのトナー間付着力が増大する。

【0024】b. 画像形成プロセスを繰り返し実行する過程において、中間転写体表面にトナーがフィルム状に付着するトナーとの間に付着力が発生する。つまり、一回の表面強度がトナーとの間に付着力が発生しないよう、中間転写体表面は板面エネルギーの小さい材料が選択使用されるが、その場合においても、(i) 中間転写体表面とトナーとの間に付着力が発生してしまった。そして、ひとたび、トーフィルミングが発生すると、「中間転写体トナー」ととの間の付着力は、(ii)「トナー同士の表面強度で決定される付着力」となる。トナー間の付着力よりも、(ii)の付着力の方が大きくなることは明白である。以上により、トナー間付着力が増大することから、転写機部が部分的になされない中抜け現象が発生し、虫喰い状画像を生むといえる。

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【0026】この米国特許には、中間転写体としての中間転写ベルトの表面エネルギーよりも小さな表面エネルギーを有するボリカーボネートを用いた中間転写体を具体例として、その初期の表面エネルギーは3.7~3.8 dyne/cm⁻²であり、コンディショニングプロセスを用いないと4.0~4.5 dyne/cm⁻²に上昇し、感光体、中間転写体の表面の不具合が発生すると

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粘着樹脂	シアントナー	マゼンタトナー	イエロートナー
ポリオール樹脂：軟化点105℃	100重量部		
帶電制御剤含フッ素四級アソニウム塗布化合物			
(1.0. 9重量部)	(1. 0重量部)	(1. 2重量部)	
着色剤	耐フタロシアニン (C.I. Pigment Blue 15)	キナクリドン系顔料 (C.I. Pigment Red 122)	ジスアン系顔料 (C.I. Pigment Yellow 17)
ブルー顔料	(2. 0重量部)	(4. 0重量部)	(4. 5重量部)
外添剤	親水性化チタン(親水化度6.0%) (0. 8重量部)	(0. 3重量部)	(0. 8重量部)

得られたトナー及び現像剤の特性を表7に示す。また、得られたトナー及び現像剤をリコードプリテール550にセットし、ブランク、シャン、マゼンタ、イエローの順に現像を行ない、4色重ね時の文字部における転写性(トーチリ及び虫食い)の評価を行ない、更にベタ部20(ルーベ:倍率10倍)のザラツキ性及び画像濃度の評価を行なったところ、良好な結果を得た。なお、評価の方法は以下のとおりに実施した。

【0061】転写時の虫食いのランク
ランク5 全く未発生

ランク4 目視ではほとんどザラツキが確認できないが、ルーベで虫食いが1~2箇所確認できる

ランク3 目視ではほとんどザラツキが確認できるが、ルーベで虫食いが数箇所確認できる

ランク2 目視で虫食いが確認できるが、ルーベで虫食いが1レベル

ランク1 文字の大半が抜けているのが目視で確認できる

【0062】転写時の記写チリのランク
ランク5 全く未発生

ランク4 目視では確認できないが、ルーベで僅かのチリが確認できる

【0063】親水性化チタンのランク
ランク5 全く未発生

ランク4 目視では確認できないが、ルーベで僅かのチリが確認できる

【0064】実施例2
【0065】実施例3
【表2】

得られたトナー及び現像剤の特性を表7に示す。また、得られたトナー及び現像剤をリコードプリテール550にセットし、ブランク、シャン、マゼンタ、イエローの順に現像を行ない、4色重ね時の文字部における転写性(トーチリ及び虫食い)の評価を行ない、更にベタ部20(ルーベ:倍率10倍)のザラツキ性及び画像濃度の評価を行なったところ、良好な結果を得た。なお、評価の方法は以下のとおりに実施した。

【0066】目視では均一であるが、ルーベで画像のムラが僅かに確認できる

ランク3 目視ではほとんどザラツキが確認できないが、ルーベでは確認できる

ランク2 目視で画像のザラツキがひどく、ベタ画像と言ないレベル

ランク1 画像濃度マクベス反射濃度計(マクベス社製)により単色の濃度を測定。

【0067】実施例2
【0068】実施例3
【表3】

得られたトナー及び現像剤の特性を表7に示す。また、得られたトナー及び現像剤をリコードプリテール550にセットし、ブランク、シャン、マゼンタ、イエローの順に現像を行ない、4色重ね時の文字部における転写性(トーチリ及び虫食い)の評価を行なったところ、良好な結果を得た。なお、得られたトナー及び現像剤をリコードプリテール550にセットし、ブランク、シャン、マゼンタ、イエローの順に現像を行ない、4色重ね時の文字部における転写性(トーチリ及び虫食い)の評価を行なったところ、良好な結果を得た。

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粘着力剤	ポリエチル樹脂：軟化点110℃	100重量部
带電制御剤含フッ素四級アソニウム塗布化合物		
(1.0. 9重量部)	(1. 0重量部)	(1. 2重量部)
着色剤	耐フタロシアニン (C.I. Pigment Blue 15)	キナクリドン系顔料 (C.I. Pigment Red 122)
ブルー顔料	(2. 0重量部)	(4. 0重量部)
外添剤	親水性化チタン(親水化度6.0%) (0. 8重量部)	(0. 3重量部)

粘着力剤	ポリエチル樹脂：軟化点110℃	100重量部
带電制御剤含フッ素四級アソニウム塗布化合物		
(1.0. 9重量部)	(1. 0重量部)	(1. 2重量部)
着色剤	カーボンブラック鋼タロシアニンキナクリドン系顔料 (C.I. Pigment Blue 15)	ブルー (C.I. Pigment Red 122)
外添剤	(7. 2重量部)	(2. 0重量部)

得られたトナー及び現像剤の特性を表7に示す。また、得られたトナー及び現像剤をリコードプリテール550にセットし、ブランク、シャン、マゼンタ、イエローの順に現像を行なったところ、良好な結果を得た。

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得られたトナー及び現像剤の特性を表7に示す。

*品質の評価結果を表7に記載する。

【表4】

19	ブラックトナー	シアントナー	マゼンタトナー	イエロートナー
接着樹脂	ポリエチル樹脂：軟化点9.8℃			
		1.00重量部		
帶電抑制剤含フッ素樹脂/アンモニウム塩/シリル微粉体系混合				
着色剤	(1.00, 5重量部) カーボン/ラック糊/フタロシアニン/キナクリドン系顔料/アン系顔料 ブルー (C.I.Pigment Blue 15)	(0.80, 7重量部) (0.50, 5重量部) (C.I.Pigment Red 122)	(0.40, 5重量部) (C.I.Pigment Yellow 180)	(0.40, 5重量部)
外添加剂	(9.0重量部) (3.5重量部) (6.0重量部) (5.8重量部)			
疎水性シリカ (疏水化度80%)	(0.6重量部) (0.6重量部) (0.7重量部) (0.7重量部)			

接着樹脂	ポリオール樹脂：軟化点10.5℃	1.00重量部		
帶電抑制剤含フッ素樹脂/アンモニウム塩/化合物				
着色剤	(1.2重量部) カーボン/ラック糊/フタロシアニン/キナクリドン系顔料/アン系顔料 ブルー (C.I.Pigment Blue 15)	(0.8重量部) (0.8重量部) (C.I.Pigment Red 122)	(0.8重量部) (C.I.Pigment Yellow 180)	(0.8重量部)
外添加剂	(9.0重量部) (3.5重量部) (6.0重量部) (6.2重量部)			
疎水性セラタン (疏水化度20%)	(0.7重量部) (0.7重量部) (0.7重量部) (0.7重量部)			

を、実施例1と同様の条件でトナーを作成し、同一のキャリアと所定量混合して現像剤とした。得られたトナー及び現像剤を用いて、実施例1と同様の評価を行なつた。なお、得られたトナー及び現像剤の特性、更に、画

【0074】

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【表7】

品質の評価結果を表7に記載する。

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【0072】

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【表2】

品質の評価結果を表7に記載する。

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【0073】

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【表6】

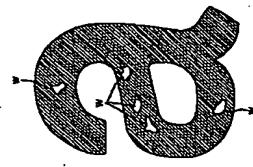
部品番号	○	○	○	○	×	×	×	×
感光体	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
電極	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
電極凹部	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
電極回部	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
エアギャップ	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
トナー	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
感光体 (感光持体)	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
感光クリーニングユニット	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64
クリーニング前後電器	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72
ブラシローラ	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
ゴムブレード	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88
除電ランプ	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96
帶電器	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104
電位センサ	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112
Bk 現像器	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120
現像スリーブ	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128
C 現像器	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136

【符号の説明】

w	虫食い
l	電極
II	電極
II-1	電極凹部
II-2	電極回部
Gp	エアギャップ
T	トナー
9	感光体 (感光持体)
10	感光クリーニングユニット
10-1	クリーニング前後電器
10-2	ブラシローラ
10-3	ゴムブレード
11	除電ランプ
12	帶電器
13	電位センサ
14	Bk 現像器
14-1	現像スリーブ
15	C 現像器

15-1	現像スリーブ
16	M 現像器
16-1	現像スリーブ
17	Y 現像器
17-1	現像スリーブ
17-2	現像密度バーン検知器
18	中間紙厚ベルト
19	転写バイアスローラ
20	驱动ローラ
21	ベルトクリーニングユニット
22	ベルトクリーニングユニット
22-1	ブラシローラ
22-2	ゴムブレード
23	紙転写ユニット
23-1	紙転写バイアスローラ
23-2	ローラクリーニングフレード
23-3	接觸機構
24	転写紙
27	搬送ベルト
35	驱动ローラ

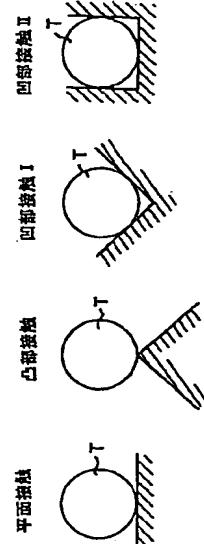
[図1]



[図2]



[図3]



40) 粒径を4~9 μm とすることで、さらに良好な転写特性
が得られるという極めて優れた効果を発揮する。
【図面の簡略化説明】

【図1】従来の画像形成方法において発生する虫食い状
の画像例を示す図である。
【図2】従来の画像形成方法における高い表面粗度と虫
食いの画像発生を説明する図である。

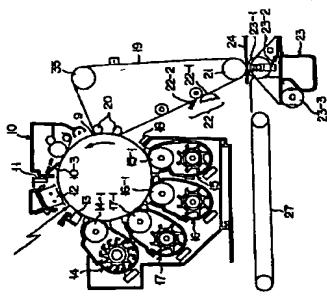
【図3】従来の画像形成方法における虫食い状の画像發
生を説明する図である。
【図4】本発明の画像形成装置例及び方法例を説明する
図である。

【0075】以上、詳細かつ具体的に説明したよう
に、本発明は、中間紙厚方式を用いた画像形成方法にお
いて、少なくともブランク、シャン、マゼンタ、イエロ
ー色からなるトナーを、感光持体上に現像する順に現像
部の帶電量が高くし、且つ帶電量の絶対値を1.0~3.0
 $\mu\text{C}/\text{cm}^2$ とすることで良好な転写特性が得られ、虫食い
や、転写チリといつて現像を防止でき、さらにはトナー
は少なくとも水性シリカを含有し、転写度を5~25
%とすることで、更に良好な転写特性が得られ、またさ
らに、トナーの着色度を2~2.8とし、体積平均50

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[図4]



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